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REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the Final Office Action mailed on November 7, 2002. Reexamination in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 13-27 are currently pending in this application, with claims 13, 22 and 25 being independent.

No new matter has been added.

Telephone Interview

Appreciation is expressed to the Examiner for granting the telephone interview on July 1, 2003 with Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, to discuss the rejection of the claims made within the Final Office Action of November 7, 2002.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-4, 7-10 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being obvious over U.S. Pat. No. 4,786,133 to Chen in view of U.S. Pat. No. 4,834,476 to Benton or U.S. Pat. No. 5,473,447 to Molteni et al. (Molteni).

This rejection is traversed at least for the following

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reasons.

While not conceding the propriety of this rejection, and in order to advance prosecution of the above-identified application, claims 1-5, 7-10 and 12 have been canceled, rendering this rejection as moot.

Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Newly added claims

Claims 13-27 are newly added by this amendment. Allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-

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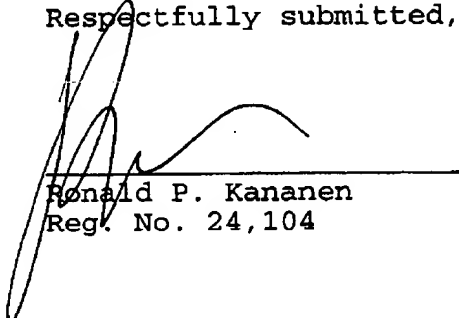
955-8753 or the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

Respectfully submitted,

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